

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Bret A. FERREE**

**Serial No.: 09/638,241**

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
TREATING DISC HERNIATION AND  
PREVENTING THE EXTRUSION OF  
INTERBODY BONE GRAFT

Group Art Unit: 3773

Examiner: Julian W. Woo

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 30, 2007, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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